MUST BE SETTLED. To the Editor of the Proneer:

In the Declaration of A Independence it was statd as the firm belief of A this people that all men had an equal right to enjoy freedom. How strange that at the same time human slavery was existing, and for many years thereafter, po effort was made to make practice agree with belief! But the time came when all was made right; they could not go back in what they had said, for there they agreed with God but the action was to agree with the

words. How? Let January 1, 1863, tell. Let the civil war explain. It was a terrible way to settle it, but seemingly the only way. We now have the nations. At the same time we tolerate in our midst a most destructive and abominal traffic, destructive of law and good customs, of Christian institutions and all that elevates man. A drinking practice has grown up that destroys manhood, happiness and worth, fetters a man body and soul. As a people we are all fettered more or less by it. We try to lift men up, especially the young, but here we have an enemy that sometimes pulls more down. We are crippled in our efforts to have the best government and laws of any country on earth. Our votes are counterbalanced by the mighty ir.terests of a class that sell, buy and drink a vile, soul and body damaging beverage. The declaration of independence from this thrallom has been made, and it is being proclaimed through the lenght and breadth of the land. When will freedom really come? God grant us the mercy to find the solution and final settlement of this gigantic question, before it reaches the same phase as the slavery question did when it had to be settled with blood. It must be settled. We must be free from the curse of rum. This people must settle this question and settle it right. And it has many more questions to settle. It has a lofty position; it flourishes in many God-pleasing institutions. But it must destroy the weeds that grow up among its corn, or come down and leave the lead to other nations-nations that may be heathen to-day and sitting at its feet. Already this worm is at the very heart of our body politic, chiefly in our large cities. Then all hands to the rudders and do as God has declared or woe to our proud ship of State, even though it have ribs and keel of steel. Let us pursue the right course, and leave consequences to God, who gave the first impulse to all these movements for the rescue of men. The best is: God is with us. Their rock is not like our rock. Help is coming from all nationalities in our land. God is awakening his warriors on all sides. Victory will come.

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HE DRANK TO MAKE HIM WORK. "I drink to make me work," said a young man one day. To which an old man replied: "That's right; thee drink and it will make thee work. Hearken to me a moment and I'll tell thee something that may do thee good. I was once a prosperous farmer, I had a good, loving wife and two as fine lads as ever the sun shone on. We had a comfortable home and lived happy together, but we used to drink ale to make us work. Those two lads I have laid in drunkards' graves. My wife premium FREE OF CHARGE, except the Postage. died broken-hearted, and she now lies by her two sons. I am seventy-two years of age. Had it not been for drink I might now have been an independent gentleman; but I used to drink to make me work, and, mark, it makes me work now. At seventy years of age I am obliged to work for my daily work."-Pioneer.

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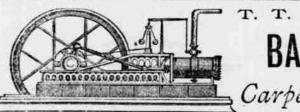
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